

The Second Anniversary.

The date at the head of this column will give our readers the reason why our columns, this morning, are clothed in mourning. On this holy, peaceful day, we would fain dwell on some other theme, and place before the readers of the *Phoenix* some more cheerful subject for reflection than the terrible scenes of the *seventeenth of February, A. D. 1865*; but they are written on the memory of most of us with a pen of fire, and the burning record there traced, two years' changes and events have failed to obliterate. Although the people of our stricken city have gone to work with a will, and numerous substantial and stately structures stand, to-day, where, even on the same day of last year, there were nothing but piles of blackened ruins, yet there still remain, scattered in various sections of our city, so ancient standing and sad mementoes of the terrible and wide-spread destruction with which our beautiful city was visited, on the night of this date, 1865. We will not now attempt to portray the fearful scenes of that night—they have already been faithfully chronicled, and, indeed, are still frightfully vivid in the memory of many of those who read these lines.

But while we write words of commendation of the energy and public spirit of the people of Columbia in building up the waste places of their city—and give them all possible credit for their untiring zeal in the work of recuperation, it sorely grieves us, as faithful chroniclers, to say to them that the events of the past twelve months, and those now transpiring with fearful rapidity, instead of inspiring hope or affording any ground for words of encouragement, throw the shadow of a deepening gloom over the future of the people of the whole South. Two years, instead of softening the hearts of those to whom we are compelled to turn for relief in the form of just and wise legislation, have only quickened their animosity against their own fellow-citizens, whom they have already overwhelmed with distress and suffering rarely endured by any vanquished people. In the midst of their suffering, with blighted hopes, with property and fortune swept away, with their whole system of labor destroyed at a single blow, the latter have quietly submitted to their destiny; and not only this, have accepted conditions naturally repugnant to the noble and brave spirit which peculiarly characterized them, and whose high-toned generosity was universally acknowledged and admired.

The Southern people, when they grounded their arms and furled their banners, did so in the full faith and belief that the blessings of an honorable peace would speedily follow the entombment of the cause they had struggled for for four years. They did not, they could not, believe that the fires of fierce partisanship and sectional hatred, instead of being extinguished by the convention between the two gallant generals of the contending armies, would burn with still greater fierceness—with an intensity which threatens to bring still greater evils upon the Southern people, and, in fact, to destroy the Government. We need only refer to the intelligence from Washington, which we receive and publish daily, to confirm these gloomy forebodings. Measures are even now concocting for the overthrow of civil government and the liberties of the people of these States, which, if perfected and put into execution, will not only overwhelm us with woe, but will, as far as poor human and finite wisdom can peer into the future, and make up conclusions, bring ruin, calamity and bankruptcy to every great interest in all sections of our common country. There is little hope for the fraternity and union all the true and good in both sections so ardently desire, so long as the counsels of fanaticism rule in the National Legislature.

Such are the reflections which crowd upon our mind on the recurrence of this gloomy anniversary to our own fellow-citizens. They have, in common with other communities in this and other Southern States, suffered much, endured much; and

we mourn that there is not a ray of hope we can point out to them, to cheer and encourage their future efforts. All is in dark obscurity, save the path of duty as good citizens. With an abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of Justice and Right, let our people continue to bend their energies to the great work of recuperation, the re-arrival of their shattered fortunes, and by using untiring efforts to provide the means and appliances to regain what they have lost, both politically and materially. Their political course may only be in the way of patience and endurance—the object being the promotion of harmony and good feeling between the people of all sections of the country; the other—material prosperity—is only to be attained by earnest working—hard licks struck by willing hands for the weak and prosperity of "the land we love." The darkest hour is said to be that immediately preceding daylight; so may the present deep gloom which hangs over the country be the immediate predecessor of a bright political future.

And now one word more, which we more directly address to the pastors and members of the various congregations of this city. This is a day of prayer instituted by God himself. On this day, therefore, while we cannot forget the sacrifices and sufferings of the past, the mournful events brought to notice in this article, let their prayers ascend to Him that He will not only crown our own efforts with success, but vouchsafe to those who, in authority, have forgotten the mild precepts of the religion they in name profess, such a portion of heavenly wisdom as may enable them to see that the course they are madly and wildly pursuing tends only to evil, and that continually. Let the praying people of Columbia lift up their most earnest petitions in behalf of the Chief Magistrate, the Congress and the High Court of Judication of the country. Their prayers may be heard and their country saved.

IMPORTANT—GENERAL GRANT.—The *New York Times*, of Wednesday, has the following important revelation:

As late as Thursday last, the bill for the establishment of military despotism acquired great strength in the House by the declaration of Mr. Farnsworth that Grant favored it; and the member who announced the news was regarded, for the time being, as an oracle to be respected. Owing to the importance of the matter, Grant took the earliest opportunity to inform a prominent member of the House that he had been misrepresented—that he did not favor the erection of a despotism with himself as chief despot—and that he was really surprised that such a notion should be attributed to him.

A MODEST PROPOSAL.—The *Jackson Clarion* says that, a few days ago, the Governor of Mississippi received a letter from Peoria, Illinois, informing him that the writer had in his possession the sword presented by the State of Mississippi to Gen. Van Dorn, and which stolen property he proposed to restore to the State for the sum of \$500. He also informed the Governor that this price could be obtained from other parties, but that he preferred giving the first chance to the State.

A regular English game law bill has been brought up in the Mississippi Legislature, and referred to the Judiciary Committee. It makes it unlawful for any man to hunt game or set his traps on any land not his own. The *Avalanche* says if that bill passes, every man that goes hunting in Mississippi will have to take the County surveyor along to keep him out of trouble.

Thomas W. Knox, on his Russian telegraph voyage for the *New York Herald*, writes from Irkutsk, Eastern Siberia—the exact antipodes of New York—that he is the seventh American who has ever visited that point. The bills of fare at that far-away place will, he says, compare favorably with Delmonico's.

It is said that a new method of punishment has been introduced into one of the public schools of Holyoke, Mass. A disobedient scholar is ordered up, its mouth forced open, and a dose of cayenne pepper administered.

The celebrated article in the *London Saturday Review* on the impeachment of President Johnson, which appeared in that paper on January 19, was written by Hon. J. P. Benjamin, late Confederate Secretary of State.

The Planters' Hotel and the post office in Tallahassee, Florida, were totally destroyed by fire on the 6th. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

The Patent Office is self-sustaining, and now has on hand a fund of \$280,000, after paying all expenses.

THE MILITARY RULE BILL.—The *National Intelligencer*, of Thursday, uses most decided language denouncing the bill imposing military government on the Southern States. We extract:

"The blackest record ever made by an assembly of the representatives of a free people stained yesterday the proceedings of the House of Representatives. Never, in the most tyrannical hour of the Long Parliament misrule; never, amid the utmost subservience to the royal mandate of an English king; never, in the most blood-thirsty epoch of a French convention—did the representatives of the people stamp themselves with greater ignominy." \* \* \* "Such a bill makes a mockery of free institutions. It despises all the great safeguards of popular liberty. It tramples on the freedom of the press. It annihilates the right of free assembly. It silences the lips of free speech. It infringes the right of the people to bear arms. It wipes out the guarantee of a grand jury presentment. It abolishes the exemption of freedom from seizure and from search. It abrogates the right of trial by a jury of one's peers in the vicinage of the commission of the alleged offence. It tramples upon the prerogative of the President, it makes war upon the Constitution, it rebels against the authority of the Supreme Court. It invades the sacred constitutional rights of the citizen. It is treason enveloped in the forms of law. It is rebellion wearing the garb of legitimate power."

GEN. PRICE.—A correspondent of the *Cincinnati (Ohio) Commercial* says: "Last Sunday I saw in St. Louis, at the dinner table of the Southern Hotel, Sterling Price. I saw before me a poor old man, whom peace and honor made plerotic, whom war has made bald and lean. His great shoulders bent under their dwindled flesh; his feet were shrunken in their gaiters, and rattled like a pair of spurs; he had lost the battle light from his eyes, the bronze from his knuckles; his voice of command was lost so that the waiter bent to his lips to hear his choice of soups. Destitute in his disappointed age, the spectre of a dining table, one-half the guests who looked upon him pitifully had been his soldiers in the war. Three times he swept Missouri—slew Lyon, stormed Muligan, bearded Jeff. Davis. Now he eats like the seventh stage of man."

APPREHENDED SCARCITY.—The *Atlanta Era* says: "The demand for grain, flour and provisions is now, and has for some time, been such in Atlanta, as that, while it may be satisfactory to the dealer, it is really alarming to the thoughtful citizen. The sales of these articles here now equal, and sometimes exceed, those of the busiest portion of last season—amounting to about 30,000 bushels of corn, 200,000 pounds of bacon, and 1,000 barrels of flour per week. So excessive is the demand beyond our former experience, and so little expected, that it found our merchants nearly unprepared for it. Indeed, for weeks past, orders have been on the books of dealers for grain and provisions they could not supply."

GIFT ENTERPRISES.—A late Confederate officer writes to the *Richmond Examiner* that a man recently detailed to him a scheme on foot to get up a gift enterprise, ostensibly for the Southern Orphan Association, but in reality to benefit alone the speculators. The man came from Baltimore, and letters have been written there exposing the scheme. It is said that "bogus" agents of "memorial associations," and exhibitors of shows for aid for cemetery societies, &c., in the South, are going about the country. The public should be on their guard against impostors.

The *New Orleans Times* has it upon the authority of Hon. L. D. Campbell himself that the whole story which has been published in regard to a quarrel or disagreement between him and General Sherman, during their joint mission to Mexico, or since their return, is unqualifiedly false. None but the best relations exist between those two gentlemen. And thus another important question is settled.

The *New York Herald* recommends "The Government" to go to work coining ten cent pieces made of copper and nickel. Very proper, for copper and nickel are just about as much like silver, as the Government is like that formed by Washington and Jefferson. Gold and silver are the remembrances of the Government as it was, but copper and nickel the signs of the thing as it is.

The *Lynchburg News* says: We saw a negro boy in town yesterday, who had one hundred skins taken from the hares he had trapped during the winter. He disposes of them readily at two cents a piece. This was, he admitted, all he had done for a living since the cold spell set in.

The *Central Texas Record* says, with the departure of Maximilian, a large immigration to Texas of the better and wealthier classes of Mexicans may be expected.

Leavenworth, which, a few years since, was a small trading-post, did \$30,000,000 worth of business last year.

The pecuniary stringency is so great in Pitt County, N. C., that the people recently compelled the Sheriff to burn up all his writs and executions returnable at Court, refusing to be ejected from their homes and being unable to pay. Destitution is evident all over the State.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.—It is said by a Washington correspondent of the *New York Tribune* that the Government has received and accepted the resignation of Mr. Phillips, the United States District Attorney at Charleston, S. C.

The Governor of Arkansas has vetoed a bill for the relief of wounded and disabled soldiers, and widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, and to provide those named with artificial limbs. Rebel soldiers, of course.

The *North Louisianian*, published in Jackson Parish, says that that Parish is not cursed with the presence of a bureau, the freedmen are better behaved and more comfortable and industrious than in any other parish in Louisiana.

MARRIED.  
On Tuesday, February 5, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. P. J. Shand, CLARK WARING, Esq., to Mrs. M. S. GIST, all of Columbia.

NOTICE.  
THREE months from date, application will be made for renewal of CERTIFICATES OF STOCKS lost in the fire of the 17th February, 1865, in the city of Columbia, S. C.:  
10 shares South Carolina Railroad and South-western Railroad Bank.  
10 shares South Carolina Railroad half shares, No. 744, dated March 31, 1860.  
Certificate for \$450 in the 6 per cent. Stock of the State of South Carolina, No. 22, dated September, 1861; issued under Act of 1859, for continuation of the new State House, and redeemable in 1880.  
Feb 17 mfm3 N. RAMSAY.

Calhoun vs. Calhoun.

IN CHANCERY—PICKENS.

UNDER decree of the Court of Equity in this cause, I will sell, at Pickens C. H., on SALE-DAY IN MARCH, [4th.] the

VALUABLE PLANTATION,

IN PICKENS DISTRICT, KNOWN AS

"FORT HILL,"

THE RESIDENCE OF THE LATE

HON. JOHN C. CALHOUN,

Containing 1,110 Acres, more or less.

There is a FINE DWELLING and all necessary out-houses on the place, and a large body of fine RIVER BOTTOM. The place is within four miles of Pendleton, and a less distance from the Blue Ridge Railroad.

TERMS.—On a credit till the first day of November next, with bond, security and interest.  
ROBT A. THOMPSON.  
Feb 17 mfm3 C. E. P. D.

Hats! Hats!

NEW STYLES!

Just Received

BY

R. & W. C. SWAFFIELD,

Feb 16 Bedell's Row.

NEW BOOKS.

TWO MARRIAGES, by author of "John Halifax," &c.  
Idalia, by the author of "Strathmore."  
The Song Without Words, by Cotta Family.

Draytons and Davenants, by the same.  
The Giraffe Hunters, by Mayne Reid.  
The Merchant of Berlin, by author of Joseph II and His Court and Frederick the Great and Court.

In-door Sports for boys and girls.  
The Finger-Post to Public Business, containing the modes of forming societies, clubs, &c., rules of debate, &c.  
Goulbourn on Holy Communion, and other new publications, for sale at McCARTER'S BOOKSTORE.  
Opposite Lawyers' Range, Columbia.  
Feb 15 R. L. BRYAN.

COTTON YARN FOR SALE.

APPLY to FISHER & LOWRANCE, Columbia, or to the Carroll Cotton Mills, Greenville. Terms cash on delivery.  
Feb 15 1mo

FRESH ARRIVAL!

RECEIVED per Steamers "Carroll," "Sea-Gull," and "Lula."  
3,000 lbs. prime White Maryland CORN.  
50 bbls. IRISH (Seed) POTATOES.  
500 bushels BRAN.  
Feb 15 BROWNE & SCHIRMER.

To Arrive,

PER Schooner Carpenter:  
2,000 bushels prime WHITE and YELLOW CORN.

In Store,

100 bbls. EXTRA and SUPER. FAMILY FLOUR. For sale low by  
Feb 15 BROWNE & SCHIRMER.

PEAS! PEAS!

ONE HUNDRED bushels COW PEAS. For sale by  
Feb 14 FISHER & LOWRANCE.

EXTRA BACON STRIPS!

AT Jan 30 J. C. SEEGER & CO.

Teas! Teas!!

AT VERY HIGH PRICES!  
Imperial, Gun-Powder, Oolong.  
The very best that can be had. Just received by  
Jan 12 FISHER & LOWRANCE.

Reduction in Prices!

ALL PERSONS

In want of

Job Printing,

Of any kind,

CARD, HANDBILL OR PAMPHLET,

Are invited to call at the

PHENIX OFFICE.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

IN PRICE AND STYLE.

RICE! RICE!

2 TIERCES FRESH BEAT WHOLE RICE, for cash only.  
Feb 13 J. C. SEEGER & CO.

Real Meerschaum Pipes,

FOR SALE LOW FOR CASH.  
Feb 13 JOHN C. SEEGER & CO.

LOST,

ON the street yesterday, (Tuesday, 12th February,) a pair of GOLD SPECIMEN TACLES. The finder will be rewarded, if required, upon his delivering them at this office.  
Feb 13

Hay! Hay!

JUST RECEIVED, 30 bales prime Northern Hay. For sale low. Apply to  
Feb 3 LEVIN & MIKELL, Washington street.

PLEASE & DUE,

Practical Mechanics,

HAVING had long experience in the TIN and STOVE BUSINESS, offer their services to the people of Columbia and surrounding country. JOB WORK entrusted to their care will be executed with neatness and despatch. ROOFING and GUTTERING done by them will be warranted to give full satisfaction.

Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.  
Feb 10

JOHN H. HEISE,

Confectioner,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL!

CANDIES manufactured daily, at as low as can be laid down here from the North. 222 Corner of Plain and Marion streets.  
Feb 3

Scales, Scales, Scales.

JUST received, a supply of TEW SCALES, Counter Scales and small Platform Scales, which will be sold at very low prices by  
J. & T. R. AGNEW.

Goshen Butter.

TEN PIRKINS choice GOSHEN BUTTER, just received and for sale low by  
Feb 9 J. & T. R. AGNEW.

Planting Potatoes.

50 BBLs. PINK-EYE PLANTING POTATOES, just received and for sale by  
Feb 9 J. & T. R. AGNEW.

CHEESE! CHEESE!

25 BOXES choice CUTTING CHEESE, just received by  
Feb 9 J. & T. R. AGNEW.

CLARK & PEETE,

HOUSE, SIGN AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTERS, Graining, Marbling, Gilding, Glazing and Kalsomining. Paper Hanging executed in the best manner on the shortest notice. Shop on Assembly street, next door to John Stork, between Washington and Lady streets. Country orders promptly attended to.  
Jan 30 3mo W. W. CLARKE. WM. PEETE.

ALE! ALE!

A FRESH SUPPLY just received and for sale at WHOLESALE and on DRAUGHT, for cash only.  
Feb 13 JOHN C. SEEGER & CO.

FLOUR! FLOUR!

25 BARRELS EXTRA and SUPERIOR FLOUR, only for cash.  
Feb 13 J. C. SEEGER & CO.

GARDEN SEEDS.

NEW CROP GARDEN SEEDS, in great variety and quantity, for sale by  
Jan 13 E. & G. D. HOPE.

SALT AND BLUE STONE.

FOUR HUNDRED sacks LIVERPOOL SALT, extra large, at \$3.30. 1,000 lbs. BLUE STONE, 7 lbs. for \$1. The above will be sold at prices named or at lower prices, if offered lower by any house in Columbia. "We will not be undersold."  
J. & T. R. AGNEW.

Sausage Cutters and Stuffers.

JUST arrived, a full supply of SAUSAGE CUTTERS and STUFFERS, and for sale at lowest prices, by  
Nov 8 JOHN C. DIAL.

HAMS! HAMS!

100 CHOICE Sugar-cured HAMS, just received and for sale by  
Jan 25 J. & T. R. AGNEW.

Buckwheat Flour.

2,500 LBS. prime BUCKWHEAT FLOUR for sale—16 pounds for \$1.  
Jan 18 E. & G. D. HOPE.

CHEESE! CHEESE!

10 BOXES fine CHEESE, at  
Jan 30 JOHN C. SEEGER & CO.

Local Items.

OUR READING ROOM.—Our friends are invited to visit the *Phoenix* reading room, where they will find on file papers and periodicals from every section of the Union. The building is open day and night.

FIVE CENTS.—The price of single copies of the *Phoenix* is five cents, and purchasers are requested to pay no more for them—as they are furnished to the news-boys at a rate sufficiently low to warrant their being sold at that price.

FOUR HILL.—This valuable piece of property, the former residence of the late Hon. John C. Calhoun, is advertised for sale by the Commissioner in Equity for Pickens District. It is located within a few miles of Pendleton and the Blue Ridge Railroad, and is regarded as one of the best places in the District.

DEAD.—Mr. Frank Payne, who, several weeks ago, (the particulars of which were published in the *Phoenix* at the time,) had a shooting affray with Mr. Stannmore Chappell, near Chappell's Depot, in which Mr. C. and a colored man were instantly killed, died on Friday last, from the effects of his wound.

DR. LECONTE.—This distinguished Professor of our city is in Baltimore, and the *Gazette*, of the 12th, says: Professor Joseph LeConte, of the University of South Carolina, will continue on to-night, the 12th inst., and on Thursday night, the 14th inst., his series of lectures (being the seventh of the course before the Institute) upon "Coal and Coal Oils." The subject is one of general interest, and the lectures last week were listened to by large and attentive audiences.

SUPERINTENDENT JAMES ANDERSON.—We understand that this efficient chief manager of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad has been tendered a similar position on the North Carolina Railroad. While we would be glad to hear of Mr. Anderson's prosperity, we would sincerely regret his withdrawal from his present position, in which, during the most trying period of the Company's fortunes, he has accomplished wonders in the work of reconstruction of the road and shops belonging to them. We hope the Company will offer sufficient inducements as may retain him in their service.

RETURNING FREEDOMEN.—The *Winnboro News*, in copying our notice of the statement of a freedman who had returned from Florida, says: Some have returned to this place also, who a few weeks ago left for the El Dorado of their imaginations. One we heard say that of the hundreds of negroes who have left Fairfield some of them have entered upon fair prospects, while others have got into prospects of starvation. He adds that more money can be earned in Florida than Fairfield, but, to use his own words, "when you go to the store they take it every bit from you. The meanest whiskey is two dollars a bottle."

RELIGIOUS SERVICES THIS DAY.—Trinity Church—Rev. P. J. Shand, 10½ a. m. and 3½ p. m.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. W. E. Boggs, Pastor, 10½ a. m. and 3½ p. m.

St. Peter's Church—Rev. J. J. O'Connell, 10½ a. m. and 3½ p. m.

Lutheran Church—Rev. A. R. Rude, 10½ a. m.

Theological Seminary, (Christ Church Congregation)—Rev. J. M. Pringle, Rector, 10½ a. m. and 3½ p. m.

Washington Street Chapel—Rev. Wm. Martin, 10½ a. m. Rev. D. J. Simmons, 3½ p. m.

Baptist Church—Rev. Dr. Reynolds, 10½ a. m. and 7½ p. m.

Marion Street Church—Rev. D. J. Simmons, 10½ a. m. Rev. Wm. Martin, 3½ p. m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Attention is called to the following advertisements, which are published this morning for the first time:

N. Ramsay—Lost Certificates.  
Rob't A. Thompson—Plantation for Sale.

IMPORTANT TO LAWYERS.

ALL communications with the office of the Secretary of State, will hereafter be addressed to the undersigned, who assumes the duties of the office on the 18th instant.  
E. CAPERS.  
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Cream Ale.

JUST RECEIVED, 5 barrels SUPERIOR CREAM ALE. For sale low. Apply to  
Feb 3 LEVIN & MIKELL, Washington street.

WHISKEY! WHISKEY!

50 BARRELS OLD RYE WHISKEY, at wholesale and retail.  
Jan 30 J. C. SEEGER & CO.

Breakfast Bacon.

TWO THOUSAND LBS. BACON STRIPS, for sale low by  
Feb 13 E. & G. D. HOPE.

New Orleans Sugar and Syrup.

5 HDS. NEW ORLEANS SUGARS. 5 bbls. " SYRUP.  
Just in and for sale by  
Jan 25 E. & G. D. HOPE.

NEW BACON.

FOR SALE by  
Jan 18 FISHER & LOWRANCE.

Just Received.

FINE ORANGES,  
Lemons,  
Almonds,  
Pecan Nuts,  
Brazil Nuts,  
Assorted Candies.  
Feb 7 JOHN C. SEEGER & CO.

New Orleans Molasses.

NEW CROP New Orleans Molasses, by  
Jan 18 FISHER & LOWRANCE.

REMOVED.

DR. R. W. GIBBS has removed his residence and office to Mrs. McAdams, on Senate street, South of Trinity Church.  
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